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FIGHTING FOR TSINAN REACHES FINAL STAGE

Red Columns Only 3 Miles South Of Shantung Capital SEAT FOR RED GOVT?

Shanghai, September 19.

The fighting around Tsinan reached a new high pitch of intensity during the past 24 hours with the Communists increasing their attacking strength to 220,000 men, including mechanised units, according to pro-Government dispatches received here today.

An unprecedented violent battle is said to be raging in the mountains only about three miles south east of the Shantung capital, which has already changed hands several times and has cost the Communists over 10,000 casualties.

Chinese reports said a strong attacking force, which had been lying south of Tsinan, has now moved up to within four to six kilometres of the suburbs.

It is not known whether the southern airport, which earlier in the day was reported to be still in Government hands, had been captured. It was assumed the Reds would strike first at the field to throttle completely the moving in of government troops and ammunition by airtight operations.

General Yen Chien-yang, the Communist Chief of Staff who was the chief Red representative at the Tripartite (Communist-Communist-American) Executive Headquarters in Peking during the last summer, is reported to be personally directing the offensive against Tsinan.

This has led pro-Government observers to believe that there may be something to the statements alleged to have been made by captured Communist officers that the Reds are determined to take Tsinan to make it the venue of the projected Political Consultative Conference of all anti-Kuomintang parties and to make the capital of the new Communist Government.

At the same time, General Wang Yao-wu, Governor of Shantung, has ordered two-thirds of all able-bodied male employees of the Shantung Provincial Government to enrol in the auxiliary fighting corps. He has also extended the curfew by another two hours—from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 a.m.—and has advised the inhabitants to dig up a reserve of drinking water in preparation for the siege.

Manchuria Battle

The Government's position in northernmost Hopei and the Manchurian corridor was also reported to be rapidly deteriorating.

Although recapturing the Peking-Mukden railway city Chingli, Nationalist troops south of the Great Wall lost the summer resort of Pailitho last night thus opening the way for a Red advance on the vital Government port of Chinwangtao.

Fighting is at present reported to be raging only six miles west of the port, with Government warships giving effective support.

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Lofeng Area Rich In Dinosaur Fossils

Kunming, September 19.

After some weeks of geological enquiries in the Lofeng area, 50 miles west of here, the Rev. Edgar T. Cahler, Professor of Biology and Geology at Fudan Catholic University of Peking, today reported that this area is rich in the fossilised remains of huge land reptiles such as the dinosaurs of the Jurassic period in the Mesozoic-geological era, the Hui Ming news agency reported.

Father Cahler has already shipped two large cases of fossils to Peking. Most of the Lofeng fossils are damaged and in scattered fragments, the priest said.

He disclosed that many have already fused with other rock formations and that they are generally difficult to dig out.

On August 29, Father Cahler left here for a visit to the tin mines at Kueichow, in southern Yunnan, where he will study geological conditions. After this visit, he will return to the excavations at Lofeng.—Reuter.

U Tin Tut Dies From Bomb Wounds

Rangoon, September 19.

Brigadier U Tin Tut, a leader in Burma's fight against a Communist-led rebellion, died on Saturday night from wounds inflicted by an assassin who placed a bomb in his automobile.

U Tin Tut died without regaining consciousness. He had been in the operating room since his removal to the hospital on Thursday night.

It was learned officially that the bomb shattered his leg and jawbone. Doctors were unable to operate owing to Tin Tut's weakened condition caused by shock and loss of blood.

All Rangoon was stunned by news of his death. He is expected to receive a state funeral.

The bomb was placed between the exhaust pipe and floor-board of his car and exploded when the engine started, official sources said.

Flags were at half mast in Rangoon today where security measures were tightened after the assassination of U Tin Tut, the former Foreign Minister. No arrests had been made this morning.

All Rangoon papers carried today the full story of the bomb attack on U Tin Tut's car yesterday, but very few of them had the news of his death from his wounds.

Played Major Part

They gave the announcement in their late news columns inside heavy black borders.

U Tin Tut, aged 52, was the first Burmese High Commissioner in London. He played a major part in the negotiations which led to his country's independence.

He was educated in England and became an attorney after his graduation from Cambridge.

U Tin Tut resigned as Foreign Minister a month ago to aid the Auxiliary Forces in their campaign against Burmese insurgents.

In 1921 he became the first Burmese to be appointed to the Indian Civil Service and served on various committees between the two wars. He accompanied U Saw, then Prime Minister, to Britain in 1941 and took up journalism and politics in London.

He is survived by his wife, at present in England and expected to fly back to Rangoon, and three daughters. According to the Burmese authorities he will not be buried immediately.—Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

(OTHER BURMA NEWS—ON PAGE 5)

Taxi Driver Deadlock Unsolved

The 72-hour ultimatum of the Colony's taxi and public car drivers expires at 3 p.m. today. It was handed in to the employers on Friday.

By last night, no move had been made by the employers to break the deadlock. There was also no indication whether the employers will attempt to resume negotiations this morning before the ultimatum expires.

The 600 drivers involved are demanding a wage increase of HK\$2 (from HK\$36 to HK\$38); 24 days' leave a year, and "reasonable" advance notice of retrenchment or dismissal. Their original demands were a HK\$3 increase in the daily wage and 52 days' leave a year.

The employers have counter-offered a 50-cent increase in the daily wage.

All attempts by the Labour Office to bring about a settlement between the drivers and their employers have failed.

If a strike results, more than 400 taxis and public cars will be immobilised.

COMMUNISTS OCCUPY CITY IN INDONESIA

Batavia, September 19.

Communist groups occupied the administrative buildings of the Indonesian Republic city of Madiun, East Java, yesterday and, after a fight, took over the administration of the city, the Indonesian Republican Government announced today over Jogjakarta Radio.

The Republican Government was taking strong measures to restore its administration, the broadcast announcement said, and against the Republican Communists led by the veteran Indonesian Communist, Muso, who returned from Moscow a month ago.

All dangerous Communists were being rounded up, the Radio added.

The broadcast appealed to the Republicans for their support of the Republican Government's actions and explained that the activities of the group led by Muso were endangering the Republic.

The announcement said that it was believed the group had little support from the population.

The Indonesian Republican Government, the Radio said, was determined to frustrate the policy of this particular group with all the means available to it.

It was confident that it had the overwhelming support of the majority of the Republicans. Madiun, the third city of the Republic, was one of the main towns where Communists were involved in fighting last week.

Workers Strike

On Monday, 600 municipal workers went on strike because of a grievance about the alleged treatment of some of their union members by the Republican Army.

The city's water supply was cut off from its 200,000 inhabitants. The strike was reported settled last Friday, but after reported settlement, the Communists struck.

No details of the fighting or casualties are so far available. The municipal workers union was affiliated to the Republican Trade Union Federation, BOSRI, which recently joined Muso and his revived Communist Party with other Republican leftwing groups.

These groups included Dr. A. Sjahrudin, former Socialist Premier, and the armed Socialist Youth Movement. Pesindo, concerned in the fighting reported last week from the Republic's second biggest city, Surakarta.

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CHINESE FILM STAR ENGAGED

Shanghai, September 19.

Miss Tu Li-chu, comedy Chinese motion picture actress, has announced her engagement to Mr. K. C. Hsu, chief secretary of the director's board of the Chinese Film Corporation.

Miss Tu scored a hit in the Chinese film "The Bridge of Heaven" recently and will appear in a new picture, "The Mother," soon.

She is also to play a lead in "Thousand Generations" sometime next year.—Associated Press.

The Weather

From a very shallow but extensive depression over the S. China Sea a trough extends northwards along the E. China coast to a small depression N of Shanghai. This depression is expected to intensify as it moves eastwards across the S. Yellow Sea. Another trough of low pressure extends southwards from the S. China Sea across the Pacific to the Caroline Is. off Guam. It appears to have cleared up. Pressure is high over N. China and Japan.

Today's Forecast: Moderate N to NE winds; freshening at times. Cloudy with occasional rain during night and morning. Some improvement during afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather: Partly cloudy. Maximum 75.7 deg. F. Minimum 73.7 deg. F. Sunshine 111.

Rainfall: 21.6 mm. = 1.09 in. Total since Jan. 1-1948: 1007.4 in. in or against an average of 1884.4 mm. = 74.6 in.

Readings at 10 deg. intervals: Bar. at sea level: 1010.8, 1004.7 m.b. Equivalents: 29.54, 29.73 inches. Max. Humidity: 94. Min. Humidity: 78. Dew Point: 73. Wind Direction: 10. Wind Force: 0. Wind Speed: 0 m.p.h. Tide: High 11.15. Low 5.15. Fog: 0.5. Ice: 0.

Professor Executed In Canton

Professor Chin Yuan-pang, of the Kwangtung College of Arts and Science, has been executed in Canton, according to unconfirmed reports received in Hong Kong yesterday.

The report said that Professor Chin and more than 100 others were arrested two weeks ago in Canton on charges that they were members of China's prescribed Democratic League and associated with the Chinese Communist Party.

Professor Chin is survived by his widow and six children. He was a son-in-law of General Chang Wen, a former Chief of Staff of Marshal Li Chai-tum.

General Chang Wen is at present in Hong Kong. He is the Chairman of the South China branch of the Democratic League.

A graduate of Waseda University, Tokyo, Professor Chin was at one time attached to the Chinese Ministry of Railways. He served as Magistrate of Yung Yuan under General Chang Fah-kuo.

Professor Chin was also formerly Chief Editor of the People's Post, published at Canton. This paper was regarded as an organ of the Democratic League.

Chiang Ching-Kuo For Canton Post?

Nanking, September 19.

Cantonese legislators are planning to ask President Chiang Kai-shek to loan his son, Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, to Canton to enforce the emergency economic measures there, it was learned from a usually reliable source today.

It was also reported that Governor T. V. Soong of Kwangtung had sent representatives to Shanghai to study General Chiang's secret for his success, and apply it to Canton.

Canton is now reputed to be the weakest spot in the enforcement of the Government's new economic regulations. The situation there following the currency reform is marked by the worst confusion. Prices have doubled and still are climbing since August 10.

Canton also is reported now to be used by Shanghai's big businessmen as a clearance house for the transfer of their capital to Hong Kong.

Dissatisfaction
At the Legislative Yuan session last week, dissatisfaction was expressed and question raised with Governor Soong's enforcement of the economic measures.

Mr. Soong is the chief economic supervisor for the South China area with Mr. P. H. Ho, former chairman of the Export-Import Control Board as deputy supervisor.

The informant said the Cantonese legislators are expected to present their petition shortly asking for the release of General Chiang from his Shanghai post for duty as "tiger hunter" in Canton.

However, it is generally believed if the petition is presented the Generalissimo would consent to a transfer of his trouble-torn son to the chief financial centre near Chungking. Chiang more, United Press.

Financial Wizard Free



Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, 75-year-old former financial wizard of Adolf Hitler, who was recently acquitted by a Stuttgart Denazification Court, is shown with his wife, Nancy, shortly after his release from a Ludwigsburg concentration camp.—AP Photo

Razvi Arrested By Indians

New Delhi, September 19.

Kasim Razvi, leader of the militant Razakars, has been arrested and is in military custody in Hyderabad, an official announcement said today.

Razvi, a Moslem, had vowed Holy War upon India if India invaded the Holy Islamic soil of Hyderabad. Reliable sources said India would order dissolution of Razvi's private army, the Razakars.

An order for Razvi's arrest was issued last night.—Associated Press.

Emergency Laws For Israel State

Tel-Aviv, September 19.

The Israeli Cabinet today approved in principle new emergency regulations designed to eliminate terrorist organizations in the Holy Land following the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, the Palestine Mediator.

The regulations are aimed at prohibiting membership in terrorist organizations and preventing any aid from being given to them.

Laws now being drawn up were expected to be promulgated within 24 hours, an official spokesman said.

Israeli Army police swooped on the Stern Gang headquarters in the Tel-Aviv area of Jerusalem yesterday and rounded up scores of Sternists, including teen-age boys and girls, for questioning. About 200 people were detained in Israel during the day as suspects in connection with the assassination.

News of the Israeli moves came simultaneously with a declaration by General Aage Lundeboom, Count Bernadotte's Chief of Staff and newly named successor, that the United Nations will demand a full account for the assassination.

General Lundeboom, also Swedish, will take over the Mediator's work as from Monday. His wife will accompany him to Haifa. He will accompany the chief's body to Sweden and then attend the General Assembly in Paris.—Reuter.

(More news on Israel on Page 7)

CHINA POSTAL WORKERS TO STRIKE

Shanghai, September 19.

Chinese Post-Office employees have threatened to strike if their wages are not increased soon.

Postal workers had been working on a cost of living index with pay frozen at level which they claim are insufficient.

For instance a postal messenger of 20 years' seniority will now receive less than 20 Gy a month.—Associated Press.

Okinawa Ghettoes

Gorbatov said he found Okinawans herded into ghettos when he visited Okinawa in January 1946.

One terribly crowded camp held 25,000 Okinawans, many diseased, he declared.

Gorbatov said when he asked American army officers why the ill were not segregated and given medical treatment, he was told "what you propose is too expensive. These aren't whites, these are only Okinawans."

"I visited the death factories in Germany—now I have been a camp of death in Okinawa," the broadcast continued. "Later I was told that there were several such villages in Okinawa. They too are surrounded by barbed wire. It is forbidden to enter the camp. It is forbidden to leave.—Associated Press.

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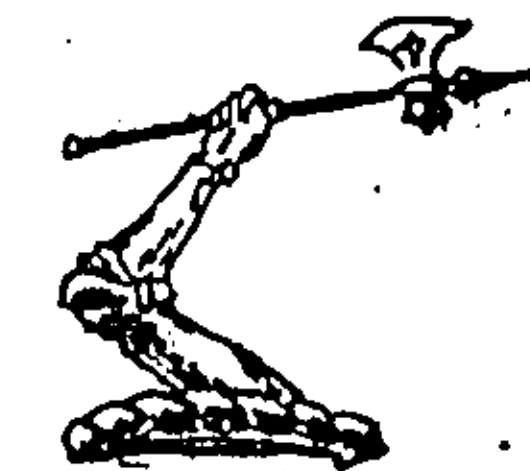


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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tip Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

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FILM ON OLYMPIAD SETS NEW RECORDS

Many Olympic records have been broken at the London Olympic Games of 1948. Among them should be reckoned that made by Castleton Knight in speed of production of his Technicolor film "XIVth Olympiad — The Glory of Sport."

During the games, 400,000 feet of Technicolor film was exposed, and the final two-hour version has been cut, edited, dubbed, commented, ready for exhibition within three weeks of the end of the Games. Soon, 16 different language versions will be distributed all over the world by British airlines.

The man who has achieved this remarkable record is little known to the public, in spite of the fact that he has produced the Gaumont-British newsreel for 25 years and produced such well-known documentaries as "Theirs is the Glory", "Victory Parade" and "The Royal Wedding".

The reason lies in his natural modesty. Yet he has nothing to be modest about. He has risen to the position of one of Britain's leading producers from a small beginning as office boy at the Kingston Country Theatre thanks to hard work, inborn ability and a flair for showmanship.

Castleton Knight's film career began on July 29, 1913—exactly 35 years before the day of the opening of the 1948 Olympic Games. He did not remain an office boy for long. Soon he was promoted assistant manager. Then he took over the management of the Majestic, Clapham.

His innate sense of showmanship received full scope there. His most famous exploit, was "kidnapping" Charlie Chaplin. Driving to Croydon Airport disguised as a chauffeur, he picked up the great comedian, drove him round to the Majestic and lead him on to the stage. At his signal, the audience shouted "Good afternoon, Charlie."

Parachute Stunts

He also specialised in parachute stunts (no doubt he recalled them when filming "Theirs is the Glory", the story of a much more tragic parachute episode at Arrhen). On one occasion he parachuted greetings from patrons of the Majestic to the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, on his 21st birthday at St. James' Palace.

When Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks visited England he parachuted an illuminated address of welcome from 10,000 patrons of the Majestic on the "Lapland" as it rounded the Isle of Wight.

Castleton Knight left the Majestic in 1923 and went to the Shepherd's Bush—Pavilion as director of presentation. His job was to produce prologues to silent films. He left to take over the management of the Capitol, now the Gaumont, Haymarket.

While at the Capitol he first began making films himself. His studio was his own home. He used a child's scooter for tracking shots. Yet his first film "Rachmaninoff's Prelude", which ran for 8 minutes, received high praise from the critics. When the late John Maxwell saw it, he offered Castleton Knight a chance to direct for him.

He made three films for John Maxwell: "The Plaything", a part talkie which was the first after Hitchcock's "Blackmail" to use this technique; "The Lady from the Sea" and "The Flying Scotsman." For the leading role in the latter he chose an unknown stunt actor, familiarly known as "Spoke"—in spite of protests from the producers. "Spoke" later sent a reel of the film to Hollywood and soon followed as Ray Milland.

Six War Films

Other films made by Castleton Knight at this period included six two-reel war films, based on

stories in the Evening News, and a racing film "Kissing Cup Race." He took over Gaumont-British News in 1933, in the days when newsreel competition was fierce and merciless. Many were the stunts and dodges to which he had recourse to outdo rival companies.

To prevent another company filming a Test Match of 1934, for which he had exclusive rights, he hoisted large balloons, on which were written: "SEE IT IN G.B. News."

When he tried the same dodge at the Oval, the Surrey Cricket Club objected. He erected a 50 foot screen. Householders, who had sold windows to spectators objected. Castleton Knight agreed to remove it if a committee of the householders would see that no opposition newsreel company used their windows.

One company, however smuggled its cameras on to a roof in milk cans. Castleton Knight foiled them with six arc lamps directed into their lenses!

At one Grand National, for which he had exclusive rights, he paid 350 ex-servicemen to stand at each jump on the course. When the horses approached they waved banners with the slogan "See it in G.B. News," and obscured the view of any rival cameras on the course. One of the position company that erected scaffolding to film the race was prevented by setting off flares.

Castleton Knight's present task has been undertaken with the active assistance of Sir Arthur Elvin, Wembley's managing director. It calls to mind a previous occasion at Wembley when they fought over the film rights of a Cup Final. Castleton Knight refused to pay the sum asked. In the end he resorted to flying his cameras round the stadium in 22 planes and filming the match from the air.

Pass System Planned For Kai Tak

An identity-pass system is shortly to be introduced at Kai Tak airfield to prevent unauthorised persons from entering the airfield.

This precautionary measure is being adopted in view of the thefts that have occurred recently at the airfield.

More than a month ago, radio sets were stripped from two parked aircraft of the Central Air Transport Corporation.

Recently, a few cases of medicine were stolen from a storehouse.

The Kai Tak authorities have circulated all organisations concerned that the pass system is to be introduced.

The organisations have been requested to submit the names of employees normally occupied at the airfield. Photographs in duplicate have also been requested.

Persons authorised to be within the limits of the airfield will be issued with official passes.

Each pass is identified by the photograph attached to the passes. Far East Flying School instructors and students will also have to be equipped with such passes.

Olympic Film Crew



The Technicolor camera crews are seen engaged in final preparations for the filming of the Olympic Games by Castleton Knight. There are 75 camera men who operated 18 new Technicolor cameras and filmed the events from vantage points all over Wembley Stadium for the XIVth Olympiad.

Behind Political Scenes In Europe

By ALASTAIR FORBES

The other day, Sir Stafford Cripps presided over a Cabinet meeting at No. 10, Downing-street. It was not a large gathering, because seasonal absenteeism continues high in the Administration, despite crisis conditions in weather and politics.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, it is true, had returned from his Roman holiday; and back from Ireland was the Lord Chancellor, bringing greatly if little weight to the proceedings.

But Mr. Morrison was still on the Riviera, combing his quiff in the Mediterranean sun. The Prime Minister was still footsore and Mr. Bevin was still weary.

It is indeed a bit of a mystery how the principle of Cabinet responsibility manages to survive at all in such circumstances. However, so long as Sir Stafford remains in Whitehall, available from before dawn till long after dusk, the King's Government will not doubt be carried on. For he is the real boss, and his colleagues are unlikely to be allowed to forget it.

But if his word is law to the Socialists in the Government, it is more difficult to secure obedience to it on the part of the Socialists outside, particularly in the trade union movement.

But it would be foolish not to recognise the truly frightening character of France's present weakness, which yet goes hand-in-hand with disproportionate position in Great Power discussions.

France's share in the Berlin airlift consists of four aircraft—three Dakotas out of U.S. surplus and one aged Junkers which holds up the American lift considerably; owing to the dangerously low speed at which it operates—fortunately infrequently.

Peace Threat

The Socialists issued four rose-coloured spectacles. And so it has become as difficult to persuade a Socialist worker to produce more and to accept the longer hours necessary to secure that vital extra production as to persuade him that our war-time ally, "Socialist Russia," is threatening the peace of the world quite as seriously as once did National-Socialist Germany.

It may be, therefore, that it will only be when the standard of living begins to nose-dive that there will be forthcoming the extra effort which, if it were made now, might still avert the crash. But by then there will no longer be work for all nor will money be able to continue to flow in lavish expenditure on alleviating social services.

The publication of the Forster Report on the engineers' claim, with its recommendations made

Power Defunct

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French air-power is, in fact, defunct. Her navy is sunk almost without trace. Her army no longer counts, though it is true that General de Gaulle de Tassigny her methods of training are now the best in the world. Yet she preserves an equal share in the councils of the mighty.

Much of her present plight can be ascribed to the Socialists, who have managed still further to discredit the already discredited Constitution of the Fourth Republic. That Constitution has not required General de Gaulle to call attention to its more obvious defects.

Nor have the General's speeches been required to remind every Frenchman of the appalling delicacies of Parliamentary government, by many parties who cannot agree in the face of the determination of one party, the Communists, to destroy them all.

The Socialists in France have shown their unwillingness to govern. Nowhere has nationalisation been more unsuccessful than in France. But while posing as the last defenders of Parliamentary democracy they have taken the initiative in seeking more undemocratically to postpone elections.

One may sympathise with the non-Communist French unitists in France, who in the face of a terrible inflationary rise in the cost of living will seek to keep their comrades out of Communism's clutches.

Opportunity

We in Britain have been spared the constant conflict with Communism which will continue to be France's lot. But France's physical efforts towards recovery have been so great and so largely successful that we must the more deeply lament her failure to find a Constitution and Government stable enough to bring her back into Europe working for a larger unity hand in hand with her neighbours and ex-enemy, Germany.

The opportunity, even now, at this late hour, exists for her to obtain such a Government.

Secret Air Research In South Australia

By CHARLES GARDNER

In the South Australian desert, some 350 miles from Adelaide, is the British Commonwealth's top secret air research establishment of Woomera, popularly known as the "rocket range".

To call this vast natural testing ground, with its laboratories and workshops, a rocket range is to understate its importance. Much more than mere destructive "rocketry" is being investigated here. The problems of flight at speeds greater than that of sound; the development of jet engines of huge power, and the use of these engines in space ships, are all these are jobs for this big Commonwealth enterprise.

One of the moving spirits behind the rocket range (and he hates to hear it called just that) is Sir Ben Lockspeiser, chief scientist to Britain's Ministry of Supply.

To understand the full implications of Woomera it is necessary to see how it started, and why. After the development of the jet engine and the arrival of the V2 had opened up new vistas of speed and destruction it became obvious that big-scale scientific research was essential both for civil and military purposes. Sir Stafford Cripps set the seal of government approval on this when he described research as priority number one in Britain's defence programme.

Modern aviation research, however, demands three things—money, space, and good weather. No one country in the Commonwealth could afford a research establishment of the necessary scope and so there came into being the Commonwealth Advisory Aeronautical Research Council. This Council decided to spread research effort so that work and costs could be divided, and all aspects of scientific development covered. For example, Canada has undertaken all work on winterisation and icing problems while Britain remains the centre of gas-turbine development. Australia has provided the rocket range, now manned by United Kingdom, Australian and New Zealand scientists.

Suitable Space

The South Australian desert was chosen for the range because it could provide two of the three prerequisites for successful space and good weather.

Up to now Britain, with her Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, England, has undertaken most of the wind tunnel and mathematical work of high speed flying. Big aircraft companies have also done their share of research. Both, however, have often been held up, as far as flying is concerned, by the weather. Britain's small size of the United Kingdom has also become a major drawback. Secret aircraft cannot remain secret for long in a country where there are no unpopulated areas. Rocket-testing too, has had to be ruled out, except over the sea, where the remains of the weapon are always lost. This has meant the loss of that valuable data which wreckage provides; it was from wreckage found in Norway that Britain built up the first idea of the V2. And so, by 1945, it was

clear that great open sunlit spaces were needed. Australia was willing to receive the new establishment and scientists prospected for a site. They chose the Southern Desert, where 90 per cent. of the weather is entirely predictable. Sir Ben Lockspeiser had said to them: "Give me unlimited space and a private water-fall!" Space has been found. The "water-fall" is still a project, a 10 to 15 year plan to provide a half-million horse-power for the super-sonic wind tunnels of the future. It has not yet been announced whether this power scheme will be hydro-electric, or even whether it will be in South Australia at all; but in London recently Sir Ben said, "Hydro-electric power is the cheapest and best, and it would obviously be silly to set up a big establishment if we couldn't see where the power was coming from."

Government has considered the power problem and would make recommendations. "We have to look ahead," said Sir Ben, "and in 15 years time we will be needing enormous power for our research. The faster we fly the more power the wind tunnels will want to test the aircraft, and that power will go on increasing. Even half-a-million horse-power may not be enough."

Nearly all important research into high-speed flight with aircraft and guided missiles will be centred at Woomera.

Painter Dies Of Injuries From Fall

As a result of a fall while carrying out painting work to the ceiling of the 4th floor of the Tai Tung restaurant at 5.30 a.m. yesterday, painter Chan Ying, 38, slipped and fell, a height of some eight or nine feet.

He sustained injuries to his head, but was able to return to his home at 69 Peel Street, ground floor unscathed.

At 2.45 p.m. the same afternoon, Chan complained to his wife of terrible pains to his head, and his wife made a report to the police.

An ambulance was ordered and Chan was taken to hospital, but unfortunately succumbed before the ambulance reached the hospital.

500 KILLED IN LANDSLIDE

Gauhati, Assam, September 18. About 500 people are reported to have been killed in a landslide in the frontier tracts of North-east Assam, according to official sources here.

The landslide occurred on Wednesday and is described as the worst for many years.

It is reported to have buried an entire village, consisting of 60 houses.—Reuter.

Reminders

Today

King George V School Parents' Association meeting, European YMCA, 3.30 p.m.
H.K. Stage Club Casting Meeting, China Fleet Club, 7.30 p.m.
European YMCA Ladies' Committee meeting, 10.45 a.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
Swimming Championship heats, Victoria Recreation Club, 8 p.m.
China Coast Navigating and Engineering Officers' Guild general meeting, Union Bldg., 8 p.m.

Coming Events

Tomorrow
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.
Garden Lecture, YMCA, Duddell St., 10.30 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Wednesday
Toe H Club meeting, Talbot House, 66, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Thursday
Y's Men's Club 1st meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

ON VISIT



Mr. George C. Bayne, Vice-President and Comptroller of the Grant Advertising, Inc., who left Chicago on August 15, for a round-the-globe trip, arrived from Shanghai aboard Pan American World Airways yesterday. He is on a world tour inspecting the Grant Advertising network, including eight newly established branches in Capetown, Johannesburg, Panama, Manila, Karachi, Surbani, Hong Kong and Taipei.

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LIE MAY PRESS FOR UN FORCE AT MEET

Washington, September 19.

Informed sources here predicted this afternoon that Mr. Trygve Lie, UN Secretary General, would press for a world security police force at the Paris meeting of the UN on Tuesday.

RAF Parade Cancelled Due To Rain

Church service in commemoration of the Battle of Britain was held at St. John's Cathedral yesterday and, despite the unfavorable weather, the service was well attended.

The parade, which was to have followed the service also had to be cancelled owing to the weather. The Very Reverend Dean A. P. Rose, assisted by Squadron Leader, the Rev. R. C. H. Swain and Squadron Leader, the Rev. D. C. Healey officiated.

B-29's NON-STOP TRIP FROM JAPAN

Minneapolis, September 18.

A US Air Force B-29 arrived at Chamberlain Field at 1933 GMT on Saturday after a 23½-hour non-stop flight from Misawa, Japan. One of its four engines was shut off to save petrol.

Members of the crew of 13 said the plane—called the Sun Goose—encountered strong head winds enroute. About 50 miles from Minneapolis one engine was shut off and the propeller feathered.

The plane had 400 of its original 9,200 gallons of petrol when it landed.

Record Claimed

New York, September 18. The United States Air Force announced today a new world speed record of 670.881 miles an hour, made with a fully-armed standard jet fighter, the North American F-86.—Reuter.

It landed. The route covered 5,000 miles.

A second Superfort which left Misawa for Minneapolis was forced down at Cold Bay, Alaskan island. A brief radio message said one engine and caught fire. The 13 members of the crew and two press representatives were reported to be safe.

It was the crew's second mishap of the flight. Its original plan developed trouble several hours out of Japan and turned back. A second ship took its place. Two other B-29's from Japan Seattle after a 4,500 mile flight. The first reached Seattle at 1906 GMT, the other landed nearly 50 minutes later. The airmen described their flight as smooth.

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Such a force was proposed by Lie last June. At that time he suggested that the UN create a small army of perhaps 1,000 to 5,000 men to back up UN decisions in Palestine until the big powers could agree on a world force of much bigger size.

Lie, if he takes such a step, will have the support of growing public sentiment for more drastic measures to keep the peace in the strife-torn Holy Land. This sentiment has been bolstered in the past two days by the death of Count Folke Bernadotte at the hands of terrorist assassins.

Issue Reopened

The proposal, if it comes, will reopen a question left in deadlock last August. At that time Russian disagreement on appointment of the UN force and UN forces to be taken from the nations contributing the security force. The Russians argued that each nation should make equal contribution to the UN armed forces.

The United States on the other hand pointed out that China has no large navy and very little air

Japan Paper Comments On China Reforms

Tokyo, September 19.

The Tokyo Shimbun editorially observed today that the new Chinese economic policy foreshadows the rise of a great Chinese socialist state.

The middle of the road paper said: "The Chinese Nationalist Party's revolution was a revolution from feudalism to capitalism and marked an era of the consolidation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Soong financial clique."

"It now appears as if the baton of times has been handed over from Soong Kai-shek to Major-General Chiang Kai-shek. The course is now to go from capitalist revolution to a socialist revolution. With the start of a new government as the turning point, a total movement for Greater China will appear."—United Press.

RAF PLANE CRASHES INTO LINE OF CARS

London, September 18.

Three fatal air crashes marked Saturday afternoon displays of aerobatics at Royal Air Force airfields in Britain today in celebration of "Battle of Britain" Week.

Ten people were killed and 15 injured when a twin-engined RAF Mosquito plane crashed in flames on a line of cars and on cyclists at Hanston, Kent.

As the Mosquito burst into flames, the wreckage was thrown over a wide area. The line of closely packed cars into which the plane crashed caught fire and many occupants were trapped.

Bus Struck

At an airfield near St. Andrews, Scotland, spectators ducked to dodge plane parts hurtling through the air after a Spitfire had exploded 300 feet from the ground. The pilot was killed.

A Mosquito crashed to the ground and killed a well known test pilot and his passenger at Lichfield, Staffordshire.

Among the casualties in the Hanston accident was the pilot and the navigator of the aircraft. Many bodies were recovered burnt beyond recognition.

Passengers in a full 32-seater coach, which was struck by the wreckage of the plane, were severely injured.

A general call was sent out for all available ambulances and fire engines were summoned from nearby seaside resorts. A nearby farm building was used as a temporary mortuary.

Planes Sabotaged

In Milan, saboteurs caused a fire which destroyed a Macchi-205 fighter plane and badly damaged five other aircraft at a

MONARCHISTS DEPOSED

Nanking, September 19. Two backwoods monarchists who propounded restoration of imperial rule over China have been forcibly deposed from their headquarters in the mountainous frontier region between Szechwan and Hunan provinces according to Chinese press reports from Chungking.

The reports said that local troops deposed the proposed emperors, captured their leaders and seized great quantities of bows, arrows and spears with which the two men hoped to form an imperial army. The reports said—Associated Press.

Woman Falls From Verandah

Fong Mui, 34, married woman, residing at No. 9 Lal On Lane, first floor, while gathering clothing from her verandah at 4.40 p.m. yesterday, accidentally fell into the street below.

Mrs. Fong, expecting a baby next month, was immediately taken to Queen Mary hospital.

With serious internal injuries, her condition at a late hour last night was reported to be very serious.

Marshall Leaving For Paris Meeting; New Clashes Seen

Washington, September 19.

The US Secretary of State, Mr. George C. Marshall, leaves for Paris today to defend American foreign policies against an almost certain burst of Soviet attacks at the United Nations General Assembly meeting.

The meeting, which opens on Tuesday, is considered a crucial one by Mr. Marshall and top aides, particularly if the explosive East-West dispute over Berlin is placed on the agenda for a showdown.

The State Secretary yesterday cleared his desk and awaited last-minute reports from Moscow on a new meeting there of the Western diplomats and the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov.

As for the General Assembly meeting, Russia in recent days served clear notice that she is preparing an unprecedented series of charges against the United States and non-Communist nations.

The Soviet press openly accused Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, of being pro-Western. A Soviet delegate already on the scene in Paris forecast a renewal of the two-year fight over world disarmament problems.

Attacks Anticipated

Mr. Marshall and his staff anticipate Soviet attacks and are prepared to meet blow for blow in cooperation with other friendly nations, authoritative informants said today. They said the Soviet onslaught is expected to centre primarily on charges that the United States is guilty of "capitalism, expansion and world domination."

The meeting also provides Russia with the first opportunity to lambast the Marshall plan, United States rearmament and the new Western European Union. All these programmes have gone into operation since the last full Assembly meeting in New York.

American authorities also expected a bitter East-West debate will be touched off by topics that involved Palestine, Korea, Greece, Indonesia, Italy's pre-war African colonies, atomic energy, human rights and freedom of information.

Mr. Marshall was to leave at 1 p.m. today for Paris aboard President Truman's private plane, the "Independence." The plane will refuel at Newfoundland and then fly non-stop to Paris.

Mr. Marshall will be accompanied by his chief Soviet expert, Department Counselor, Mr. Charles Bohlen.—United Press.

Clothing Coupon Prices Serve As Accurate Signal

By MONTAGUE SMITH

To show which way British trade winds blow, not even the goldpond statisticians of the Board of Trade have yet devised a more sensitive weather-cock than the Black Market.

Today one Black Market price seems to the nation's gloomy clothing trade a warning that a breeze blowing up uncomfortably in the direction of bankruptcy is likely to reach gale force very soon: clothing coupons, once 25 apiece, are down to 2d.—and none too easy to sell.

In housewives' handbags and husbands' wallets 400,000,000 coupons from the last allocation remain firmly tucked away.

Out Of Price Reach

Nine out of every 12 coupons have not passed across the retail counters, according to a recent trade survey.

The reason? Purchase tax, say the traders. Prices are too high for the average citizen, and purchase tax (not profits or costs) is keeping them out of reach.

Purchase tax on all goods, in fact, drains a weekly £5,000,000 out of the country's purse—most exactly the rate at which citizens are withdrawing National Savings (to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's displeasure).

Sir Stafford Cripps declares that P.T. was never designed as a revenue-producing tax. Instead, he could abolish it at once and still have a very large Budget surplus.

It is intended, he says, to prevent people from buying, to keep goods off the home market for sale abroad.

Stock Piling Up

Clothing traders counter-claim that this argument has now lost its validity because: 1. Stocks of goods are so rapidly accumulating that they cannot, in any case, be sold abroad.

2. The people no longer need to be persuaded to avoid extravagance, as they had to be when money was plentiful. They now have too little of it to make ends meet.

And the traders offer the coupon position "as proof of their case. Even last spring they themselves believed that their accumulation of stocks was due mainly to a coupon shortage, and they persuaded the Board of Trade to issue a bonus of 12 coupons, to downpoint some argument."

New Guinea Dump To Be Blasted

Sydney, September 19.

One of the biggest single explosion of bombs, excluding the atom bomb, is to take place at a Royal Australian Air Force dump in New Guinea during 1949. But the actual date has not yet been fixed.

Although dwarfed by the Royal Navy's explosion of 8,500 tons of bombs on Heligoland in April of last year, the detonation of about 3,000 tons of bombs in this New Guinea dump is expected to cause earth and atmospheric disturbances which will provide science with valuable data.

Scientists are working with the RAAF and the Australian Army on details of the explosion. The dump is isolated at Tadjil, near Altipa, a big wartime base, on the northeast coast of New Guinea.

Spread over an area of about three square miles, it is believed that the dump will be exploded in a series of small explosions and one big detonation.

Seismographs

Before the Tadjil explosion, about 20 seismograph recording stations will be established at various points, some of them hundreds of miles from the scene.

The small number of inhabitants of the area will be moved to a place of safety, and the main explosion will be set off by an electric plunger several miles from the dump.

Wave impulses from the explosion are expected to penetrate between 30 and 40 miles into the earth and 25 to 30 miles into the upper atmosphere. As the waves move into the earth, they will be sent back by geological layers and the seismographs on the surface will record them.

These recordings, geo-physicists expected to obtain data on the type and thickness of the strata, and the presence of any formations containing oil.

When the explosion leaves behind a great crater, seismographs will be set up around it. The Tadjil explosion will be the first of a series of tests which will be held at the National Defence University.

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New York, September 19.

The average American bridegroom pays from \$150 to \$200 for his girl's engagement ring, and she has a better chance of getting one today than she did during the hurry-up-wedding war years, jewellers said recently.

Engagement and wedding ring manufacturers interviewed at the 43rd annual convention of the American National Retail Jewellers Association could not agree, however, as to which party usually picks the sale of engagement rings.

Three out of four engaged young men pop the ring on the girl's finger as a surprise, Henry A. Goehman, president of the White Rose Jewellery Manufacturing Company, said.

Mr. Herbert Jacobson, President of the Coronation Diamond Company, says that would be good if it were true, but he does not think it is.

The first mistake a fellow makes in marriage is not to buy the engagement ring himself, he said. What he does do, Mr. Jacobson said, is go into a shop, look around, maybe pick something out and then bring the girl back to decide.

Bed Spot

That, added Mr. Jacobson, is when the salesman really gets to work showing her the more expensive rings.

The guys in a bed spot, he says, admit the girl may not like the boy's choice, but he says

SOCIOLOGY MEET IN PEIPING

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2. Details of renewal procedure were published in press notices on the 1st to 3rd September 1948.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

September 20, 1948.

NOTICE

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A Casting Meeting will be held for the second production of the season, "Grand National Night" at 8.30 p.m. this evening, in the Rehearsal Room at the China Fleet Club.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

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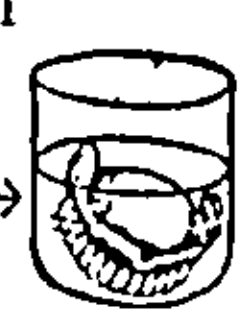
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Red Sox Extend Lead Over Yanks

New York, September 18. Burying St. Louis Browns under a 17-hit barrage, Boston Red Sox widened their American League lead to two full games today while Hal Newhouse of Detroit Tigers personally pitched and batted the second-place Yankees into submission.

In the National League, Boston Braves stretched their lead to six games with a thrilling 2-1 triumph over Pittsburgh Pirates.

Trailing 4-3 in the fifth inning, Red Sox shelled Ned Garver from the mound with a five-run burst that included a homer with two on by Bobby Doerr.

Four more runs in the sixth at the expense of Frank Duncan and Ralph Schramm decided the game. Don DiMaggio, Wally Moses and Doerr each collected three hits.

Hal Newhouse held Yankees to six hits and also drove home the winning run in the fourth inning to clinch his 18th victory. With the score tied at 3-3, George Vico opened the fourth with a double, moved to third on Bob Swift's sacrifice and came home when Newhouse produced another hit.

Cleveland belted four Washington hurlers for a 10-1 triumph behind Sam Zoladak's five-hit pitching. It was Zoladak's 11th win of the year and the 18th straight setback for Senators.

Scoring four runs in the fifth and six more in the eighth, Philadelphia Athletics defeated Chicago White Sox 11-3. Joe Coleman, the winning pitcher, was forced to retire when he tripped and fell over third base in the midst of Athletics eighth inning rally. Frank Pappish started and lost for Chicago.

Lefty Warren Spahn allowed only one hit in the first eight innings for his 15th victory as Braves squeezed out Pittsburgh, Boston's win. Frank McCormick's triple tallied Bob Elliott who had singled.

Pirates, with a total of four hits, made their only run in the ninth on singles by Dixie Walker, Ralph Kiner and pinch hitter Ed Fitzgerald.

Pel Reiser's single with Pee-wee Reese on second base in the ninth gave Brooklyn Dodgers a 3-2 decision over St. Louis Cardinals.

Bradman Scores Splendid Century

Aberdeen, September 18. Don Bradman marked his final appearance in cricket in Britain by carrying his bat for a splendid century against Scotland here, and the Australians won by an innings and 87 runs.

In reply to Scotland's first innings total of 178 they ran up 407 for six declared and then dismissed Scotland a second time for 142.

Bradman played the Scottish bowling in a masterly fashion and scored 123 in 80 minutes, hitting six sixes and 17 fours.

Other Australians who made the Scottish bowling look simple were Colin McCool, who scored

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

New York, September 18. College football results today were: S. California 27, Utah 0; Villanova 34, Texas A & M 14; Miami 38, Marshall College 6; Texas 33, Louisiana State 0; Kansas 13, Texas Christian 14; Wake Forest 27, George Washington 13; Oklahoma A & M 27, Wichita 14.

Oregon State 27, Idaho 12; Pacific Lutheran 14, St. Olaf 6; Iowa State 27, Iowa State Teachers 7; Tuskegee Institute 26, Ft. Bennett 12; Missouri Mines 9, Memphis State 0; Stanford 26, San Jose State 20; Portland 9, Willamette 6; Oregon 55, Santa Barbara 7; Arkansas 40, Abilene Christian 6; California 41, Santa Clara 19.—United Press.

ANOTHER JAPAN SWIMMING MARK

Tokyo, September 18. Japan's best swimmer, 20-year-old Konosha Furuhashi, was clocked in 3 mins. 20.8 secs. in a 300-metre, free-style race at a meet in Yawata in Kyushu, shattering the world record held by the American, Jack Medica, by 0.8 second.

Japanese swimming officials only last week clocked Furuhashi in 4 mins. 33 secs. flat in a new world record time in the 400 metres free-style while competing in the collegiate meet—United Press.

CARNIVAL

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STRONG REASON NEEDED

YOU REQUIRE a very good reason for shifting suits, after winning the opening lead of your partner's long suit against a No Trump game. First of all, your side has gained one unit of time through stalling one of its own suits before the declarer has launched one of his and that initial advantage may be wasted unless you follow it up. Second and of greater importance, sometimes, the inaugurating of play in another suit may solve a problem simply for the declarer whereas left to his own devices he might fumble it.

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H 0 6 3 2
D 0 3
C A 9 7 6

S 9 7 5 3
H K J 7 4
D A
C Q J 5 4

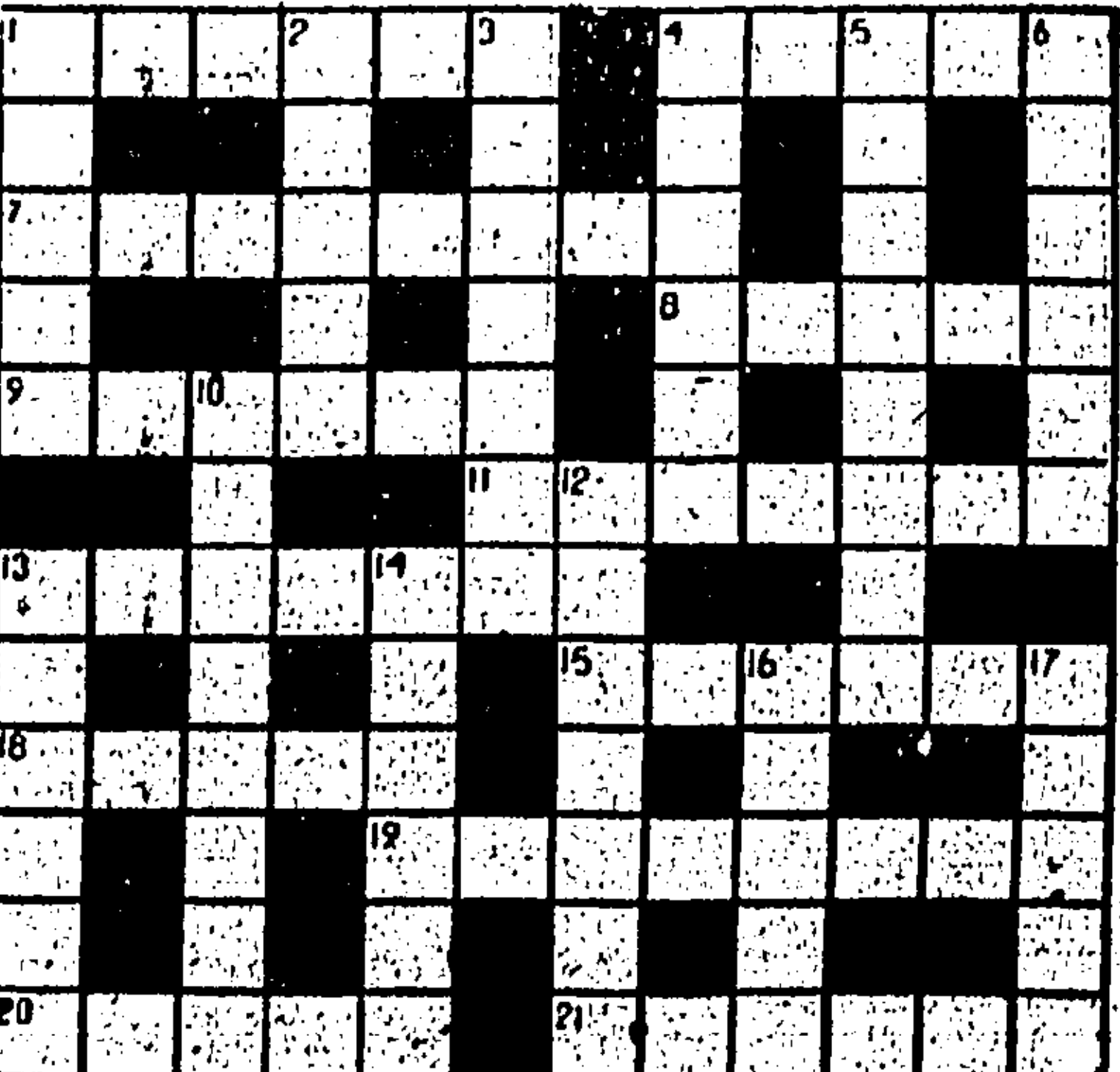
S A 8 6 2
H 10 5
D J 10 5
C 4 2

S K Q J
H A Q
D K Q 9 8 7
C K 10 8

(Dealer South. Neither side vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 D Pass 1 H Pass
2 NT Pass 3 H Pass
3 NT

Several types of bidding landed most North-South pairs in that No Trump game contract, some making it and some failing.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Respectable 18 Sea-god
4 Drive 19 Vault
7 Military 19 Microbes
unit 19 Despot
8 Fraise 20 Subject
9 Accor 21 Finds the
11 Commanded answer

Saturday's Crossword

Across: 1 Silo, 4 Similar, 8 Boon, 9 Daff, 10 Burglar, 11 Aver, 12 Part, 14 Reeling, 15 Taint, 16 Vally, 22 Tolster, 23 Vile, 24 Dilated, 29 Note, 30 Bend, 31 Reander, 32 Side.

Clues Down

1 Board 12 Declaim
game 13 Lump of
2 Best part 14 Insects
3 Treachery 14 Insects
4 Mean 10 In the
5 Rustle 21 Find the
6 Lugged hood
10 Willy reply 17 Ceremonies

Downs

1 Images, 3 Obtain, 5 Sober, 6 Inured, 6 Ingot, 7 Again, 12 Push, 13 Rill, 15 Idle, 16 Gilt, 18 Reverse, 20 Amends, 21 Tested, 23 Opine, 24 Blain, 25 Hilder.

FIRST THING EVERY MORNING ENO'S

U Tin Tut May Live

STATE OF EMERGENCY
DECLARED IN BURMA

Rangoon, September 18. The Burmese President, Shao Shwa Thakio, today announced a state of emergency throughout the Union of Burma in view of the disturbed conditions prevailing in the country. Troops had been rushed to the defence of the small town of Bogale, in the Delta area, which was surrounded by insurgents, tonight's Government communique said.

The communique reported minor engagements between Government forces and insurgents in the Shwabo area southwest of Mandalay, in the Pegu district north of Rangoon, and also in the Insein district. A hand grenade flung by an unknown assailant severely wounded U Tin Tut, the pro-British Inspector General of Burma's new of Rangoon's main streets today. The assailant escaped.

"Very Grave"

U Tin Tut was reported to be lying unconscious in a Rangoon hospital tonight after the attempted assassination. The attempt was made as the former Minister's car was passing down one of Rangoon's main streets.

Mr. Reginald Bowker, the British Ambassador, called at the hospital to ask after U Tin Tut's condition. The Burmese Premier, Thakin Ita, and other Ministers visited the hospital shortly afterwards.

U Tin Tut's condition was reported to be "very grave" and it may be necessary to amputate one leg. His jaw bone was also badly injured.

His doctors said that, despite the seriousness of his condition, he is expected to live. His daughter, Khin Hyeun Yin, was sitting

Plane's
Dramatic
Escape

Shanghai, September 19. A Civil Air Transport plane dramatically escaped capture a few minutes after the Chinese Reds captured the north airfield of Tsinan yesterday.

The plane took off with a Chinese Air Force officer hanging to the fuselage door with his hands clasped in prayer.

The plane, one of the fleet of Gen. Claire Chennault's line flying in supplies to the besieged capital of Shantung Province, was caught as the Reds in a surprise raid captured Tsinan's north airfield.

The plane was loaded with CAT personnel who clambered through Red gunfire to clamber into the plane.

Just as the ship began moving for take-off, a Chinese Air Force officer leaped and got a handhold on the still-open door. The officer hung on as the ship got airborne before being pulled aboard.

The officer immediately went to the plane's pilot and asked could he buy a ticket to wherever the plane was going.

The plane and all aboard landed safely at Peiping.—United Press.

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Truman's
Appeal

Dexter, Iowa, September 18. President Truman today appealed to the American people to "keep your temper and stand firm" in the disturbing international situation.

Addressing an audience of farmers in the course of his Presidential election campaign, Mr. Truman said: "I know that the war talk which is so prevalent today is causing all of you deep concern."

"It is plain enough that we are facing a very disturbing international situation. I should like every American to realize that the country is making every possible effort to preserve the peace."

"It is the policy of this Government to continue working for peace with every instrument at our command. At the same time, we have been rapidly building up our strength."—Reuter.

NATIONALIST CLAIMS
IN SOUTH MANCHURIA

Poiping, September 19.

Continued air and ground operations were announced by Fu Tso-yi's Nationalist North China Command today.

Warplanes, headquarters said, attacked Communist positions along the Peiping-Jehol railway.

At the same time ground forces killed 400 Communists and took 100 prisoners in a clash North East of Miyun on the railway 40 miles North East of Peiping.

The Nationalists claimed to have cleared the Communists from North East Changli on the Peiping-Mukden Railway 40 miles this side of the Great Wall. The Nationalists also claimed recovery of Changli on Thursday after a two-day Communist occupation of the town.

Jurisdiction Change

Meanwhile it was announced in Nanjing that Chiang Kai-shek had approved Fu Tso-yi's request to bring Peiping and Tientsin under North China headquarters jurisdiction. (Peiping and Tientsin)

HEAVY DEFEAT
FOR VIET MINH

Paris, September 18. Combined Franco-Vietnamese forces inflicted a heavy defeat on Viet Minh troops in the Sonlatranch Valley, south of Hue, Agency France Presse reported from Saigon today, quoting an official French military source.

In the heavy fighting, which lasted several days, the Viet Minh forces suffered several hundred casualties and evacuated several supply depots, the agency added.—Reuter.

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Jap Cotton
Goods Barred

Canberra, September 19. Australia has suspended temporarily all licences for import of cotton piece goods from Japan.

Sensor D. Courtice, Minister for Trade and Customs, said the action had been taken because payment had been asked in convertible sterling.

A plan has been submitted, however, to allow payment in blocked sterling. But until this is approved, no more piece goods will be bought in Japan.

The Minister said licences would be issued only for types and quantities of cotton piece goods essential to Australia's needs.—Associated Press.

Mountain
Hideout
Stormed

Athens, September 18. Greek forces have stormed the main guerrilla stronghold in the great Mourganna Ridge in Epirus, according to tonight's Greek General Staff communique quoted by the Athens news agency.

Greek troops, armed only with rifles, climbed up the precipitous peak from the East to the crest of the ridge—rising to 5,500 feet, which the defenders believed to be impregnable.

Access to the Mourganna Ridge was from the south only and there the guerrillas massed their defenders. The guerrillas, taken completely by surprise, fled hurriedly down the Western slopes, leaving behind great quantities of material.

According to the communique, most of them entered Albanian territory. One section of the guerrillas retreated towards Granitsopolis, was encircled, and was being cut up.

The large quantity of material captured included four 81-mm mortars and 30,000 shells found in a cave.

General Vazdis, Chief of the Greek General Staff, has sent congratulations to the First Army Corps and the Eighth Division on the occasion of "this important victory," the Athens news agency said.—Reuter.

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SWORD NOW MIGHTIER
THAN PEN IN CHINA

Shanghai, September 19.

The press in China lost its voice when President Chiang Kai-shek decreed new restrictions against business a month ago.

Since Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo started swinging the big stick his father gave him, the Chinese press has been heaping praise and adulation on his every step. He has been built up as a hero, modest, unassuming, and straightforward.

Once in a rare while, in a "spirit of wholehearted support," the Chinese press has a mild suggestion to offer. It bends over backwards to prove that the suggestion is in no way critical. It lays it meekly and then hurriedly covers it up with more praise.

General's Call

A few days ago, the Kuomintang-supervised Shing Pao, an organ of the CC clique, ran an editorial praising the new economic restrictions, young Chiang's efforts to implement them, and the general confidence of the people in him and them.

Somewhat near the end of the editorial, the paper said mildly that "rule by law" was a good thing, even in periods of emergency like the present.

The following morning, the paper had a call from the major general "requesting" better co-operation.

The Chinese—under continuing emergency due to civil strife—has not been noted for its spirit of boisterous criticism since the end of the war.

There is no government censorship as such. That is, newspapers do not have to submit their copy to any authority prior to publication. But, in effect, freedom of expression among newspapers in China is completely controlled.

The government holds a whip in that it can close down newspapers—and on several occasions has—as "a menace to public security in time of emergency."

Foreign Dailies

Less controlled are the four English language dailies in Shanghai. Their combined circulation barely tops 22,000. Presumably, the authorities do not consider them a sufficiently dangerous factor among Shanghai's 5,000,000 Chinese.

Two of the papers are Chinese-owned, one is British-owned and the fourth is American-owned. The Chinese-owned papers too the line but do carry some critical reports.

Following an on-the-whole unrestricted, independent attitude, with the American-owned Evening Post and Mercury constantly kicking at the price and the British-owned North China Daily News shooting occasional sharp and telling—but diplomatically put—shots of criticism at the authorities.

But a recent change has come in the foreign-owned press. In position of police law a month ago has dulled the shafts and blunted the boots of what has been regarded as the only two independent dailies in Shanghai.

The North China Daily News still permits itself an occasional barb, like a recent comment on the government's unimpeachable ban on luxuries—"It savours somewhat of early Bolshevik decrees which had the intention of reducing everyone to the lowest common denominator."

The Evening Post says it is hopeful that the reforms will work out all right.

The sword has been drawn in China. The pen, at least temporarily, is sheathed.—Associated Press.

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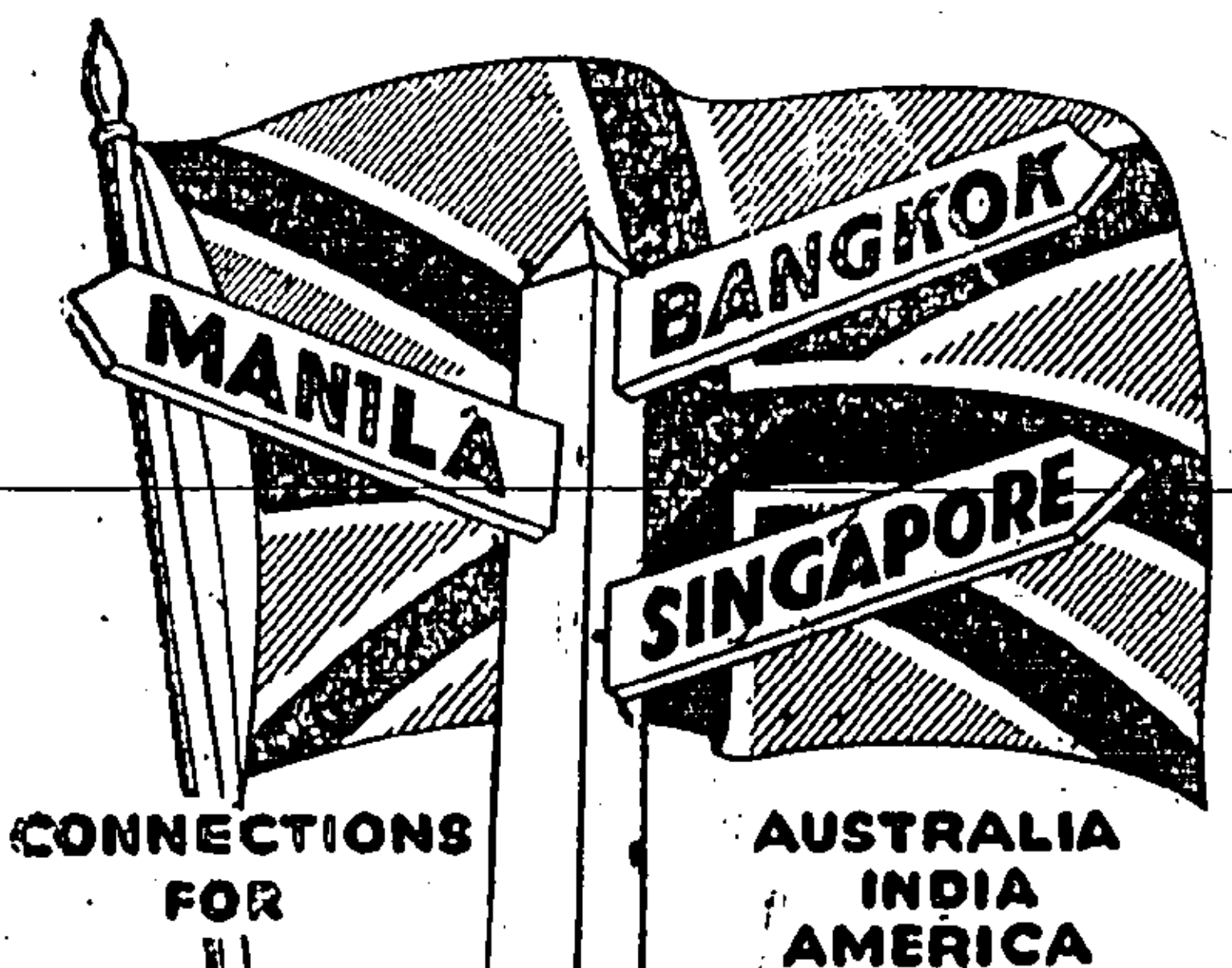
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BIRTHS

VAN DE LINDE—On Saturday night, September 18, 1948, at Fanning, to Nancy, wife of Dr. P. A. M. Van de Linde, a son, Anthony Gerard.

LEWIS—At Queen Mary Hospital, on September 18, 1948, to Winifred, wife of Leslie A. Lewis, a son.

WESTERN UNION

The British Parliamentary session, called for a limited and domestic political purpose, has already turned into that general inquest on State and world affairs which is not the least valuable function of Parliament. The views of Mr. Anthony Eden, acting leader of the Opposition, on the Western Union have already gained obvious approval from Labour benches—a fact of some importance when previous differences in the parties' approach to this project are remembered.

Brushing aside any idea of a plot to create a capitalistic or socialist Europe, Mr. Eden has stated with emphasis his conviction that the world's essential need today is that the major forces should not largely reside in either of the two Powers with gigantic resources. That Mr. Eden regards as a "fundamentally dangerous position for the world". His remedy is a group comprising the free nations of Western Europe and the British Commonwealth acting collectively and together.

There is now recognised to be no difference between the Parties on the furtherance of this objective. Mr. Eden, moreover, pointed out that statesmen in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, including Dr. Molan, support a closer European association.

As for France, a key country in the scheme, Mr. Eden is of opinion that her political instability is deceptive. Even in the kaleidoscopic changes of French Governments there runs a thread of unity in policy as there does in Britain between opposing parties. Integration in the West will or should increase the sense of confidence and the stability of each country. Basically, of course, there is only one way to restore better equilibrium in the world, and that is to repair the ravages of two wars in Europe.

Rhodesian Election

Sir Godfrey Huggins's United Party has won a commanding majority in the elections in Southern Rhodesia. This is the seventh General Election since the granting of responsible government 25 years ago. Parliament was dissolved in July by the Governor, Sir John Kennedy, after the defeat, by one vote, of a motion of confidence in the Government.

The return of the United Party is a vindication of its policies of greater co-operation with the adjoining territories of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland and of free enterprise blended with a judicious amount of State control—and the defeat for the Liberal Party's policy of more segregation between Europeans and Africans. The results so far show that the Labour Party,

Most Troublesome Men
In Britain Today

The greatest danger now confronting the nation is that of being considered not a great power but a great nuisance. Why is this so?

It is because that arm of trade unionism which is regularly revealed itself as nuisance not only to the public and industry but also, ironically, to trade unionism. The shop steward movement has thereby undone the good they previously performed as representatives of the men in the factories.

Shop stewards were designed to deal with the minor, if frequent, differences arising from management and workers in the day-by-day life of any workshop. They were to act in co-operation with the executive of their organisation and in accordance with the instructions commonly given to them.

They had to keep an eye on the life of the workshop, adjust disputes arising from changes in materials, tools, and overtime rates, and generally intervene with the management on minor issues.

They were NOT supposed to deal with broader aspects of policy regarding wage rates, conditions of work, and those questions which belong properly to an authorised executive.

But the functions of the unions have not merely been usurped by shop stewards; they have been divided, ignored, and belittled by another group of men whose sole remedy for anything is to start a strike without authority, and to gain their ends are willing to extend it as far as they can to any workmen thought to be in sympathy with them.

Something could be said for that movement if it succeeded in attaining its objects. It usually fails. It is a score of stoppages in recent years has been successful in compelling employers to concede terms to unauthorised persons; and the men, after reaching a stage of sulking and stouthing, have had to find their way back to work and seek mediation through authorised officials and the executives of the various unions.

In fact, they can rarely get a foothold to talk terms until they

have gone back to work and secured the intervention of authorised trade union officials. The economic effects of these numerous failures are very serious in the terms of lost wages, higher prices, and shortages, which are felt in the homes of strikers as well as being endured by thousands of wage earners, who among the first sufferers from unauthorised action.

Higher prices, trade dislocation, and a widespread upset of the plans of management with regard to both national and workshop well-being, resulting from irresponsible action, are serious indeed.

Men Suffer

Many employers can cover themselves against losses. They can draw upon reserves, and they can postpone dealing with some of the difficulties until more normal times. Not so the men. They and their families must suffer, in some part, from every blow which is clumsily aimed, as they think, at the employing class.

The bungling of the shop stewards, the clumsiness and inexperience of untrained persons with no qualification for constructive negotiation and discussion.

By The Rt. Hon.
J.R. CLYNESWho Was One Of The
Pioneers Of The Trade
Union Movement

Men, have already cost working men millions of pounds. They cannot afford a continuance of such losses, while at the same time the great invisible asset of trade unionism is being steadily eroded because the unions risk the loss of their reputation. Whatever else the workmen of this country may dislike, experience shows they do like to keep a bargain. It becomes both a matter of honour and personal advantage to respect agreements, and any man who wishes to be as good as his word.

A word of advice: If the shop stewards really entertain any notion of becoming serious rivals to or usurping the position of the trade unions, it is a childish notion. In numbers the unions were never as strong as now in national and worldly influence they have attained to great power.

They are at a high level in the good will of the country, and have become participants in the great national and international plans by which the destinies of millions are being shaped. But their good name can be tarnished by the follies of would-be usurpers, who have little to their credit beyond a long list of melancholy defeats

and the lost wages of misled wage earners.

What can the trade unions and other authorities do in face of this danger? Let me make a suggestion.

Just as the central fact and strength of trade unionism is unity, so we are now entitled to ask for unity from management, the Government, the unions themselves, and from those M.P.s to whom the shop stewards usually rush as soon as they have begun to get into trouble.

The Government, in these disputes, must always turn to the machinery for negotiation and discussion which has been developed in the past 30 years. There is no country in the world which provides a more effective of bringing together employers and employees for the just and peaceful settlement of any issues which may arise.

Must Resist

The unions played their part in providing this machinery for industrial peace. The management, for many years past, have generally shown a willingness to talk it out rather than to fight it out.

Now, therefore, let there be agreement among management, unions, Government, and M.P.s to have no dealings whatever except with the properly authorised representatives of workmen acting through their trade unions, and empowered by them to settle a bargain and see that that bargain is honestly and fairly kept.

The best service which the unions could now render to themselves is for the rank and file of the unions to resist active and the designs of certain shop stewards to get elected. They do so not so much to serve the just ends of their class in respect of conditions of work and wages but rather to serve the purpose of outside forces existing mainly to make trouble between employers and employees, and thereby to secure some object outside the true purposes of the trade unions themselves.

Their Duty

Undoubtedly, trade unionists of all ranks have been misled in resisting the designs of those who wish for unity less than they wish to stir up trouble. The great masses of the trade unions are not in sympathy with the strike-mongers. Therefore they should resist in their meetings all those who are known to favour trouble and turmoil when such doubtful friends are seeking election.

Trade unionists should be regular in their branch and other meetings. But they should do more. The more responsible ones should not be afraid themselves to come forward for election, nor should they be unwilling to assume the extra work and burdens of being shop stewards themselves, in the true interests of the great movement which is now their heritage and their responsibility.

TAIYUAN WOULD BE A
BIG PRIZE FOR REDS

Taiyuan, September 10. Taiyuan, like Mukden, is isolated except by air and almost completely cut off from the form resources that normally sustain it. But unlike Mukden, which the Russians despoiled, Taiyuan today is still an important industrial city.

True, many of its factories bear scars inflicted by American bombers when the Japanese were in occupation, but all plants are working.

Yen Hsi-shan, governor of Shanai since 1912, apart from a seven-month gap in 1930, is mainly responsible for the city's development into an industrial base. Or rather Yen Hsi-shan and nature, which endowed the country around this city with

richly coal and iron.

Geared For War

Yen Hsi-shan's life has been tied up with Taiyuan but there would be much more at stake if the Communists take the city, than the future of a shrunken old man in a shrunken kingdom. If the Communists take Taiyuan it will delay for years the task of throwing them out of Shanai, if indeed they are ever thrown out.

A visit to the city's arsenal, steel works, power plants, brick kilns and other factories shows convincingly the importance of the city to the Nationalists—and the importance it would have to the Communists—as a major base.

The only railways which run in the Taiyuan area today are those which bring coal, iron and other material to the factories and the railway built around the city for swift movement of troops in any threatened point.

Make no mistake about it—almost everything in this city of 300,000 persons is geared to the purposes of war.

Over a dozen arsenals, big and small, are turning out weapons. People of all ages work at these instruments of battle. You see young girls and boys who would more normally be romping about in a play ground, bent over machines, one polishing a gun barrel, another making parts.

Ancient City

You see raw recruits being trained. You see pick and shovel brigades at work. But the main thing is the factories. At the steel works they were building new blast furnaces—hardly the thing to do if those in authority were not confident of their ability to hold the city.

Taiyuan is a shabby-looking city enclosed by oblong walls built more than 800 years ago. It is set on a 2,000-foot plateau entirely girded by hills. The area between the walls and hills forms the city's suburbs and here most of the factories are situated.

Taiyuan has had a long history. Guide books say it was a well-known city 200 years before Christ.

Today Taiyuan draws the sustenance of war from the mineral-rich earth around it. The Communists would like to do if they conquered the city.

Besides iron and coal there is dolomite and silica and fine clay. But there is no more magnesium. The magnesium mines were seized by the Communists. Any supplies needed will have to be flown in from the outside world at great expense and trouble.

Richest Province

The Communists in conquering all Shanai, apart from the Taiyuan and Taiyuan area, have acquired enormously rich resources

but industrial circles here doubt whether they have the tools to develop them.

Besides the rich deposits of coal and iron, they have magnesium, dolomite, silica, gypsum and other materials. In its mineral resources Shanai is the richest province in China. There is, for example, an untold store of coal in the Taiyuan area.

An English mining engineer once estimated that the deposits there were enough to supply the entire world's need for 2,000 years.

Japan-educated Peng Shih-lung, manager of the North Western Industrial Company which controls all important plants in Taiyuan, told that story. But Peng himself is more moderate in his assessment.

"Two thousand years might be an exaggeration," he said, "Perhaps 200 years would be more like it." Associated Press.

One Man Has Job
Putting Hiroshima
Together Again

Hiroshima, September 19. Major S.A. Jarvie has the task of putting this atom-bombed city back together—and his job is to see that it gets built right. Hiroshima, like all other oriental cities, grew from a village to a city with no planning. The streets were narrow, there was no sanitation system.

Since the atom-clearance work of the atomic bomb, which also cleared the better section of town, too, the opportunity has arisen to do a little scientific planning. That is what Major Jarvie is doing now.

Work Together

The major, an Australian army engineer, works closely with Mayor Shiro Hamai and Yutaka Terada, chairman of the city council.

The major draws up the plans. Hamai and Terada, who are real go-getters, pound the ideas into the heads of the other city officials and the residents of the city. They make up a three-man team that is determined to make Hiroshima the most modern city in the Far East.

"It may take 20 years," says Jarvie. "About 50," says Hamai. "It is rather hard at times to get all the money we need."

"Never mind," puts in Terada, "we'll do it—sooner or later."

Plan Is Broad

The plans being worked out by Jarvie call for broad highways, modern sewage facilities, parks and all the other latest western civic developments. Here are some of the things the new city will have:

1. A modern civic centre.
2. A first class water system.
3. Modern transportation facilities.
4. Western style house numbering.
5. Zoning to keep the factory section confined to one area.
6. An atomic bomb memorial park.

The major is eager to have plenty of places for flowers and trees in the new Hiroshima. He wants the Japanese to learn to paint the outside of their houses instead of leaving the natural wood exposed to the elements.

"Not only will paint make their houses last longer," he pointed out, "but a little colour will go a long way toward giving these people a better outlook on life." United Press.

ONE FARM COMMUNIST
DID NOT COLLECTIVISE

London, September 18.

Charles Aish, who waged a successful one-man war against Soviet collectivisation before the war, found himself today without his home and without his wife.

But he hasn't quit yet. On Friday Aish received a letter from his wife Maria in Russia, in which she rejected his entreaties to come to Britain with their three daughters.

He doesn't believe she wrote it. Only a month ago she pledged in an affectionate letter to stick by him no matter what happened.

It will be a long time, however, before Aish sees his farm again. His story goes back 48 years to his birth in Byelorussia, the son of a Scotswoman who settled as a farmer in Russia.

Left Alone

Aish grew up in Russia and took over his father's farm. When the Revolution came, the Soviets ordered his farm collectivised along with all others in the area.

Aish protested through the British Embassy in Moscow, and miraculously the Russians let him keep his small plot of privately-owned land in a sea of collectivised agriculture. The odds were his venture would be overwhelmed in a short time. But Aish was a good farmer and a stubborn one. Helped by

his wife Maria, whom he married in Leningrad in 1934, he made a success of the farm. Soviet officials were amazed but let him alone.

German soldiers swept over the farm in 1941. Aish was interned in Germany while his wife and children remained in Russia. He was liberated by Allied troops in the closing stages of the war and repatriated to Scotland.

Can Go Back

Charles Aish had enough of Russia. He asked his wife to join him in Glasgow. She replied in her letter that she still loved him but she did not want to leave her fatherland.

Aish joined the British husband who took wartime wives in Russia, and in whose behalf the Foreign Office interceded without success.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Aish is free to join his wife in Russia if he wants to. Aish prefers to "await" the outcome of the Chilean proposal to be heard at the United Nations General Assembly in Paris. He is determined that Russian wives be allowed to join their husbands. United Press.

Holiday Notes From France

COMPILED BY JOHN HALL

Home thoughts and queries from abroad about British holiday hotel prices: While British hoteliers bemoan their worst season—but keep prices sky-high—a British family can stay in Normandy, stay in holiday hotels holiday and eat its head off—for 22s. a day, all in.

And "all-in" covers a breakfast of rolls and coffee (with occasional eggs), huge lunch and dinner, with plates of fresh meat, steaks, veal, lamb, or pork; dishes of delicious fresh butter, fish, and meat, wine for the grown-ups, superb cooking (never a boiled potato), polite and eager-to-please staff, the French tourist tax, and tips.

Child Heaven

All this, with not a cent extra to pay, in a sizable hotel on the edge of Normandy's Emerald Coast, where the sunwarmed Atlantic rolls in gently across miles of firm golden sands. Bedrooms overlooking the sea, 15 yards from the hotel terrace to the sands—a children's paradise—and children welcomed.

High-season prices quoted by a British seaside hotel of comparable size and position: 22s. a day for adults, 17s. 6d. for children. Tips not included—and certainly not wine!

QUERY: If the affable Monsieur Joly, here in Jullouville, can offer these prices, typical of hundreds of French holiday hotels,

which, as in Britain, is in favour of State operation of basic industries, has secured one seat and the Dominion and Liberal Parties none. The Liberal Party is often described as having a policy similar to the right-wing of the British Conservative Party. It favours the removal of controls and the maximum encouragement of free enterprise.

outside the swank resorts, what is happening at home? Why 22s. and even 30s. a day in Cornwall?

ANSWER: M. Joly and most of his fellow-hoteliers have cut their prices to accommodate the reduced French incomes. They will tell you they have had to reduce their menus, but to British families there is still magic in menus like these:

Lunches: Shrimps or sliced ham, fresh veal-and-mushroom patties, roast lamb chops with fried potatoes, grapes or pears.

Dinner: Minestrone soup; fried sole Meuniere; rumpsteak with haricots beans and saute potatoes; vanilla ice.

And if the children do not like veal, mushrooms or fish, it is the work of a moment to substitute a plate-size omelette of fresh eggs "à la crème", M'Sieu.

"Ha, if only I could buy my supplies at these prices! I could reduce my charges to the advantage of my guests and myself."

Steak costs him 7s. 6d. to 8s. 6d. per lb., ham 10s. per lb., butter 3s. per lb., eggs 5d. each. Yet, including the 12 per cent of 22s. per day which goes for "service", his staff are well paid, like those, Food prices in Britain (retail prices too) make M. Joly's eyes goggle.

And French maintenance charges are just as high as those in Britain. A French hotelier has to maintain an office staff to cope with floods of forms just about as formidable as any at home.

All M. Joly's letter-writing has to be done by hand. The retreating German Army carried away most of the typewriters in 1934; his typewriters have been requisitioned by the local authority, which uses them to print him with forms and questionnaires.

Coal is very expensive—yet on rainy day the bedroom radiators are put on for guests to dry wet clothes.

Last Sunday we had a French race meeting (trot and gallops) on the sands—no charge for hotel guests; and all week a tennis tournament with ranking French players, for which admission was 1s. 3d. per day.

These, of course, have nothing to do with the hotel or its terms, but they do rank as part of the amenities available.

Lightning-Laundry

Admission to a nearby casino where roulette is available at six-penny stakes and dancing to a band from Paris costs 1s. 3d. And it's a "pleasure" for the chambermaid to look after the sleeping children while parents have an evening out. Laundry costs extra, but it is returned in three days.

As we see, it here, the French summer resort hotelier has no financial advantages over his British counterpart; in fact, he is at considerable disadvantage in food costs. Yet, food, weather, and change of scene apart, he can offer terms which make it worthwhile for a British family to make the 350-mile each-way journey from London.

Throw in the pre-war food, the climate, and the staff's eagerness to please, and the matter of choice hardly arises.

No wonder the outward-bound steamers from the Channel ports have been, and still are, crowded; no wonder the Automobile Association's Superintendent Lord, who deftly handles tourists car traffic at Dover, reports that more family parties with young children, have gone to France this year than ever before.

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ANOTHER TALK WITH MOLOTOV

Moscow, September 18.

The envoys of the three Western powers went to the Kremlin to see M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, at 5.00 p.m. (2.00 p.m. GMT) today.

This was their eleventh visit to the Kremlin in a series of talks on the Berlin crisis. The last talk was on September 15.

The envoys — Mr. Frank Roberts, Britain's special representative, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador, and M. Yves Chataigneau, the French Ambassador — had a last-minute conference at the British Embassy to review their instructions from their Governments.

ing with M. Molotov having lasted two and a half hours. The three envoys then went to the American Embassy for their usual conference.

They consulted to draw up a joint report which was immediately flashed to London, Washington and Paris.

No Comment

Mr. Robert Smith, however, said whether this was the last meeting or whether any communiqué would be issued. To all questions, his answer was the usual "No comment". He said the meeting was with M. Molotov.

On his arrival at the American Embassy, Mr. Bedell Smith, explaining that they both left the Kremlin just before he did.

He added that the matter was a purely American one and he had expected the British and French envoys to arrive in advance of him. — Reuters.

Although tentatively planned as long ago as April, the conference will be held against a background of increasing international tension and uneasy relations between Russia and the Western powers.

Military experts have met periodically in strict secrecy during the last six months to draft the plan which will be submitted to the Ministers who constitute a committee set up under the five-nation Brussels pact.

Responsible diplomatic officials reported that the defence ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg will discuss such questions as standardisation of arms and the possibility of joint manoeuvres for land, sea and air forces.

There was no immediate indication as to whether the United States will participate in the talks. But it was certain that high on the agenda will come a discussion of the extent to which the alliance can count upon American aid if a new war comes. — Associated Press.

Between 15 and 20 youths, thugs warned news dealers to halt sales of Western newspapers or their stands would be smashed and set afire.

Der Abend said that the gang carried cans of petrol with them. Copies of the American-licensed Tagespiegel and the British-licensed Telegraph, both German-language newspapers were torn to bits in the Weissensee borough, the report said.

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Newspaper delivery boys were intercepted by gangs who seized and tore the Western newspapers, the report continued.

The Russian sector police made no effort to halt the disturbances. One German news dealer told United Press that six Communists entered his bureau, seized newspapers, tore down the advertising posters from the walls and threatened to demolish his shop if he continued selling anti-Communist newspapers.

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Correspondent Arrested

Rangoon, September 19.
Alexander Campbell, cor-
respondent of the London
Daily Mail, was taken into
custody on Saturday by the
Burmese authorities. It was
learned officially.

It was said that Campbell
is held under Section 9 of the
Preservation of Public Order
Act.
It is understood that
Campbell was taken to Insein
gaol but this was not im-
mediately confirmable. — As-
sociated Press.

DUNE ISLAND EXPERIMENTS

Dune Island, near Heligoland,
the Royal Air Force's No. 1 post-
war "target," is to be turned in-
to an experimental station to ob-
tain information on the hazards
of ammunition storage during
storage and transportation. It was
officially announced here today.

"The British Government's
decision to carry out these ex-
periments was prompted by the
recent disastrous explosions at
Texas City, Tex.," the British
statement said.

(An estimated 373 people were
killed and 3,500 injured at Texas
City on April 16/17, 1947, when a
French ship, loaded with am-
munition, exploded. At
Brest on July 2, 1947, 21 people
were killed and several hundred
injured when a Norwegian ship,
carrying a similar cargo, exploded.) — Reuters.

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DE GAULLE FOLLOWERS AND COMMUNISTS CLASH

Paris, September 18.

The Communists and Gaullists today clashed bloodily in Grenoble, exchanging gun shots and wounding at least 20 in the most bitter battle yet between the forces of the two extreme factions. A member of General Charles de Gaulle's bodyguard, wounded in an earlier fight, died.

The riot was a climax to the day's sporadic fighting between the Gaullists and Communists as de Gaulle wound up his eight-day speech-making tour of South Eastern France. The general himself had already left Grenoble when it occurred.

The rival forces clashed shortly after de Gaulle had made a speech denouncing France's present regime as "done for." During the fierce battle, three jeeps belonging to de Gaulle's bodyguard were set on fire.

The Communists and Gaullists fought wildly before they finally were separated by the police.

The Communists had staged a counter demonstration while de Gaulle was addressing an estimated 20,000 crowd in front of the City Hall.

World Throat
In a short speech winding up his eight-day tour of South Eastern France, the general declared, "We are faced with a grave situation. Internally the Communist Party represents a permanent plot against the state."

Externally, a grave threat hangs over the world represented by the enormous oriental bloc under the control of the Soviet Union.

De Gaulle continued, "France must become herself again. Where is this stage leading us? Where are we being led by these political combinations we are witnessing? To anarchy, bankruptcy and slavery. No more of that. This regime is done for in advance."

Reiterating his demand for elections through which he hopes to return to power, de Gaulle concluded, "It is quite possible that the present incapable powers will try to keep going. In that case we shall do what we did in 1940—restore the Republic ourselves."

Queuille's Warning
Some 3,000 Communists took part in the counter demonstration when the general spoke. Later

the road Assembly parties swung behind him, virtually ensuring passage of the bill which is aimed at saving France from a financial collapse. — United Press.

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Airlift Records Smashed

Berlin, September 19
The Anglo-American airlift to supply Soviet blockaded Berlin smashed all previous records on Saturday with 995 flights

Celebrating Air Force Day, American airmen flew 9,972 tons of coal to Berlin in 651 flights for the 24-hour period ended at noon on Saturday.

Royal Air Force cargo planes flew 244 sorties. The great supply fleet was comparable to the huge armadas which bombed Berlin during the war.

The Americans carried coal only on Saturday. It was marked for distribution at once to Western Berlin families with two or more small children.

The American effort exceeded by 245 tons the "Hump" record set on August 1, 1945 by American airmen flying supplies from India to China, the Air Force announced.

Lieutenant-General Curtis L. Lemay, Commander of the United States Air Force in Europe said:

"In my opinion this outstanding achievement despite unsatisfactory weather conditions will be long remembered as the fitting celebration of Air Force Day through a conclusive demonstration of peace-time air power that the world has ever known."

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Peace Treaty Delay Holding Up South East Asia Reconstruction

London, September 19.

Strong Buying Of Giltedged

London, September 18. The strong buying of long-dated and irredeemable giltedged is considered remarkable during the present international tension. Some banks have been particularly active in short-dated into medium-dated giltedged and there has been still more switching into long-dated or irredeemables—in the case of some millions of sterling yesterday.

Investors and institutions seem lured to the international banking though nobody knows what would happen in a real war threat. This week's giltedged issue (Farm Mortgage Loan) was a sensational success—over-subscribed by about 20 times. Perhaps the explanation is purely technical, but it seems likely that the long-dated giltedged were about the present price a couple of years ago. Consols were 12 points higher than now.

If the U.S. Government has to abandon its peg of long-term 2½% U.S. Government bonds at par, it might be worth for British giltedged. But while the U.S. Government maintains this support (which is the major remaining prop of the giltedged yielding 2½%), the strength of long-term Government bonds is commonly regarded as a barometer of confidence in the government's financial and economic policies.

Meanwhile, Government departments seem to be taking the opportunity to tighten their holdings of irredeemable giltedged which they bought to support Mr. Dalton's cheap money policy (they are reckoned to hold 40 per cent of the whole issue of 2½% Daltons and the £15,000,000 issue next week to convert two remaining 4½% stocks—Reuter).

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas 175 Rupees 00 Annas; Forward 172. 00; Marwar (unofficial) 173. 00. Gold, delivered, per tola 115. 00; Forward (unofficial) no trading. Gold, Sovereign 77. 00. One tola is equal to 3/8th of an ounce.

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buyers 116.00, sellers 118.00; U.S. Eagles, 200.00, 213.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, 13.10b, 13.30b. Alexandria: Gold, per "dirhem" 150; Egyptian pound 450; Sovereign 471; Turkey pound 100; Napoleon 355; Dollars (piece de cinq) 450; Silver (plasters per kilogram) 810. One "dirhem" is equal to 1/16th of an ounce.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, per baht-weight of 15.24 Grammes unquoted Exchange Rate (Selling). Bangkok on New York Tel. 10.30, London 60.75, Hong Kong 378. Reuter.

FIGHTING IN JAVA

Batavia, September 18. Five Dutch soldiers have been killed and eight wounded in a clash with 1,500 armed Indonesians on Dutch territory of Ponorogo, about 35 miles north of Tjilatjap, West Java, according to unconfirmed reports quoted here tonight by Aneta, the Netherlands East Indies news agency.

The reports added that 3,000 Indonesians were standing by ready to join in the fighting—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange interest in Japanese bonds has been stagnant for some time, and financial commentators are not encouraging in their writings.

True, all speculative counters have been sagging in the same way, but the present state of world politics does not make the prospects for an early peace treaty with Japan look any brighter, and until signature of such a treaty, resumption of debt service must be regarded as impossible.

At the time of writing, the prices of Japanese bonds are not much above the year's lows: Tokyo Electric 8½, First Mortgage, for example, which in 1947 reached a postwar high of 71½ has thus far had a 1948 high of 59-¾, a low of 38½ and is now 43. The 5½ sterling loan (1907) has had (in 1945) a post-war high of 41¾, a 1948 high of 36, a low of 24½ and is at present standing at 25½.

Stock Exchange circles still regard the long-term outlook for the bonds as sound, but they echo the words recently spoken in London by Dr. H.V. Evatt, Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, that "Delay in reaching it (the peace treaty) is holding back major plans for reconstruction and development in East Asia and the Pacific" and they would like to see the Japanese economy put on a sound basis as soon as possible.

The views of interested circles in the London Stock Exchange as to how this should be done, undoubtedly clash with the views of many British industrialists. For example, a writer in the London Investors' Chronicle says that "It is difficult to foresee how any plan for Japan can succeed without rehabilitation of Japan's pre-war markets—not a policy which British cotton textile producers would fully endorse. The Investors' Chronicle writer then contrasts some of the proposals in the Japanese five-year plan for Japanese economic rehabilitation, with the American reports on the subject.

The American "Johnston" committee, he points out for example, recommends an American reconstruction loan of some \$500 millions spread over four years, while the Japanese plan envisages a contribution of over \$1,500 million, most of it from the United States. The writer comments "So far, however, Congress has not shown any great willingness to commit the nation to even the smaller contribution." The writer draws attention to the discrepancies between the Japanese estimate of Japan's population in 1952 as nearly 83,000,000 with that of one of the American reports which puts the 1952 population at 85,800,000. The same American reports estimate Japan's 1953 exports at over \$3,000 million, while the Japanese five-year plan puts the 1952 export figure—much more realistically—at \$1,640 million.

China's Reforms

London continues to show a great interest in the Chinese financial and economic reforms; as a commentator in the Financial Times writes: "Financial interests are watching with the keenest interest the latest attempt of the Chinese Government to establish order out of the chaos that has resulted from a protracted period of inflation."

"The frequent reports emanating from Shanghai and elsewhere are keenly awaited and studied." The paper describes the Government's present scheme as "an ambitious one notwithstanding the fact that it has been brought out of cold storage after having been rejected, and continues 'thus far, it would appear that the currency and exchange measures are meeting with the germ of success,' but adds 'it is too early to make an appraisal of the way things are going after little more than a week of the new plan being put into practice.'"

Emil Ludwig Dies In Switzerland

New York, September 18. Emil Ludwig, the famed German biographer, died yesterday in Switzerland, aged 67. It was announced here today. He died in Ascona, Switzerland, his literary agents stated. He is best known for his biographies of Goethe, Napoleon, Bismarck and the Kaiser. Most of his books had a wide sale all over the world.

With the rise to power of the Nazis, he became increasingly unpopular. His books were burned and when Hitler became supreme, he went to live in Switzerland.

During the Second World War, he wrote the life of the South American revolutionary, Simon Bolivar, for the Venezuelan Government. When the German overran France, Ludwig believed that they would occupy Switzerland as well, and although he was a naturalized Swiss, he knew what to expect if the Nazis caught him.

He therefore left for California and did not return to Switzerland until April, 1945.

During World War I, most of which he spent as a correspondent in various European capitals, he became a pacifist with a Socialist tinge. The vision of those fabled multitudes butchered through the folly and ambitions of sheltered ruling minorities brought me in the Voltaire sense to the realization that democracy was worth fighting for," he declared.

Emil Ludwig's real name was Cohn. He was born in Breslau on January 25, 1861, where his father was a professor at the university. His parents were Jews, but he embraced the Christian faith.

When the Jewish Foreign Minister, General Walther Rathenau, was murdered, he returned to the Jewish faith in 1922. He showed his solidarity with the ancient race.—Reuter.

Displaced Jews As Farmers

Paris, September 18. Hundreds of experienced farmers will be screened out of Jewish displaced persons in German camps and sent to Canada, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay under a plan announced today by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Lewis A. Nickrug, European Director of the American-financed HIAS, said that DP's now being registered and examined will be set up on farms complete with houses, cattle, horses, poultry and tools under the new colonization project.

Long years of experience on European farms is the first consideration of selectors but physical fitness of applicants regardless of age also will be considered, Nickrug said.

HIAS offices in Germany are flooded with applicants who wish to train to qualify for the colonization project. A HIAS spokesman said that such training plus the screening and health building programme for selectors, would cost from US\$900,000 to US\$1,000,000.

The first group to be selected for colonization will consist of 150 families with a male member who is physically fit and had farm experience or shown an earnest desire to work on land. Following the selection, DP's are interviewed by representatives of the Government to which they are assigned.—United Press.

Bullion Traffic

Washington, September 18. The Department of Commerce reports that the exports of refined gold bullion for the week ended September 1 amounted to 15,330 troy ounces, including 7,547 ounces to French Indo-China, 3,600 to Portuguese Asia, 1,898 to the Netherlands Indies and 1,217 ounces to Lebanon.

There were no silver exports. Gold imports totalled 509,610 ounces, of which 109,620 were from Argentina, 141,628 from the Netherlands, 10,093 from the Union of South Africa, 57,320 from Mexico and 28,049 from Colombia.

Silver imports were 875,950 ounces, of which 300,015 were from the United Kingdom, 276,203 from Canada, 137,122 from Hong Kong, 110,307 from Mexico and 52,167 from the Netherlands.

PRICES WILL SOON DECLINE

Vancouver, September 18. Leading bankers and industrialists, visiting here for the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Canada, are of the opinion that prices will soon decline.

The Governor of the Bank of Canada says that consumers may soon get the benefit, possibly before the end of the year, thanks to bountiful crops and declining United States food prices.

He says that ERP is a "tremendous benefit" to Canada and foresees the removal of some of Canada's restrictive restrictions as the U.S. dollar position improves. Commenting on the view that the market trend is changing in the buyers' favour, another leading banker is of the opinion that there may be some readjustment but no fear of depression.—Reuter.

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Plenty Of Atom Bombs

Birmingham, England,

September 18. University scientists said today that the United States has enough atomic bombs to wipe out half a dozen of the world's biggest cities and enough atomic poison to kill any survivors of such atomic raids.

Prof. M. Stacey of the Organic and Biological Chemistry Department of Birmingham University told a "drop the atom bomb" conference here that there is at present no defence against atomic bomb or atomic poison.

Scientists are able to grow deadly bacteria such as food poisoning germs and typhus germs in large quantities, he added. Such poisons, he said, could be scattered in just clouds.—United Press.

